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1. Jacques Laboureaux resigned as Chief of the RPF's National Service d'Ordre (SO) on 26 April 1949 "for reasons of health".

2. Colonel Ponchardier, Delegate General of the Paris Region SO, has been named temporary Chief of the National SO by the RPT National Council. The reason for his receiving only an interim appointment is due to the opposition of Jacques Soustelle to the Council. However Ponchardier has strong support in National Council members Andre Malraux, Christian Fouchet, and Alain Bozel, and expects confirmation of his permanent appointment when the Council meets in the near future.

With the help of the "Ponchardier Equipe", which will be enlarged by the addition of new, thoroughly tried members, Ponchardier intends to reorganize the National SO along the lines of the Paris Region SO. According to Lt. Dumont, Ponchardier's assistant for the Paris Region, the directorate of the Paris Region SO will simply become the directorate of the National SO and there will no longer be a distinction between National and Paris Region SO.

4. Captain Alex Prat, SO Director General for Seine-et-Oise, has resigned to avoid dismissal for inadequate handling of his command.
5. Lt. Andre Vannes-Jouves, deputy to Captain Prat, who has been commended for his financial disinterestedness and his management of Sector 89, considered the best sector of the entire Paris Region, has been designated SO Director General for Seine-et-Oise as of 9 May 1949. It is expected that when Colonel Ponchardier receives his definite appointment, the departments of Seine-et-Oise, Seine-et-Marne and Oise will be combined into an "Ile-de-France Region" headed by Vannes-Jouve.
6. Lt. Paoli, who has served 18 years in the French Army (Colonial Infantry) has been named assistant to Vannes-Jouve.
7. Maurice Guillaudot, Director General for Seine excluding the city of Paris, has been replaced by his assistant, Marcel Collet, who will head the entire Seine Department. Guillaudot, who is at present on a trip with his father in Brittany, may be put in charge of the SO in Brittany.

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- 25X1A * ~~SECRET~~ Comment. The "reasons of health may refer to the fact that Laboureaux was recently slightly injured in an automobile accident.
- 25X1A ** See ~~SECRET~~ which stated that Colonel Ponchardier was forming a "Ponchardier team" of close friends and supporters in order to maintain the "Ponchardier spirit" within the SO.

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